1046-01-384   **Roger L. Cooke*** (`rogercooke@burlingtontelecom.net`), 500 South Union Street, Burlington, VT 05401-4808. *The Polish-American mathematician Joseph Perott.* Preliminary report.

The life of Joseph Perott (1854–1924), one of the minor mathematicians of the late nineteenth century, helps to fill in a few mathematical and historical details from this period in Europe and the United States. Born in Saint Petersburg of a Polish father and Russian mother, in later life he told people that he had a French father and a Polish mother. In the 1880s, he interacted with Sof'ya Kovalevskaya (1850–1891) in both mathematical and literary activities. At the end of that decade, he emigrated to the United States and in 1890 became a docent at Clark University, where he remained for the second half of his life. (Received August 29, 2008)